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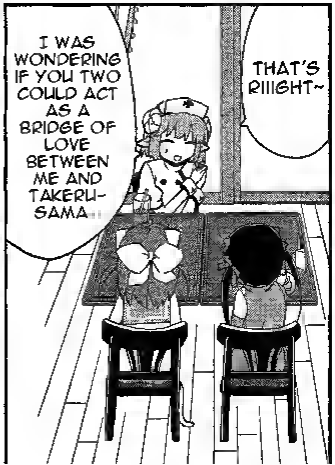
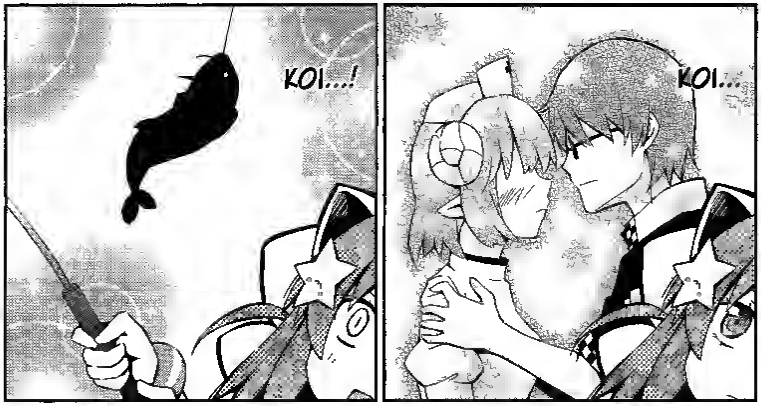
CUPIDS OF LOVE?

NYA-TAN, YOUR FACE!
YOUR FACE!


I WAS WONDERING IF YOU TWO COULD ACT AS A BRIDGE OF LOVE BETWEEN ME AND TAKERU-SAMA...
THAT'S RIIIGHT~

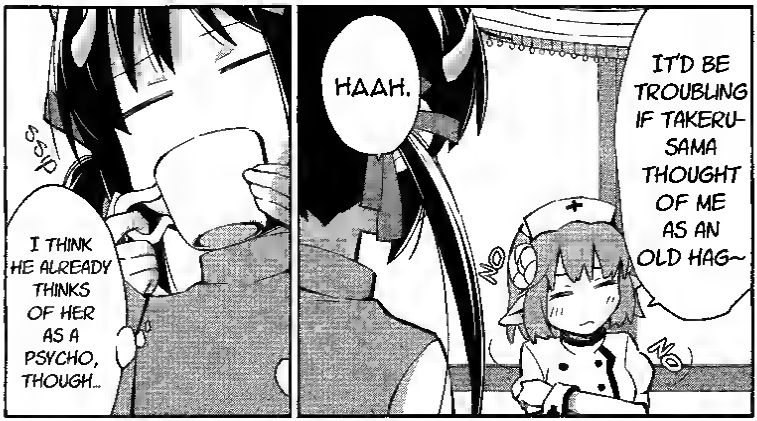
NAPPING
YES, 'KOI'.
'KOI', HUH...


KOI...!
KOI...

YOU'RE SO SWEET, NYA-TAN!
BUT I SAID SALT!?
WHY NOT BOIL THEM INSTEAD WHILE YOU'RE AT IT?
ROASTED, WITH A LITTLE SALT ON TOP, PLEASE

BUT THEN I FIGURED THAT NEITHER OF THEM WOULD BE ANY BETTER, AND LEFT IT AT THAT
I'd like some more coffee, please
AT FIRST I WONDERED IF THOSE WERE WORDS FROM JUST AN OVERLY-CARNIVOROUS WOMAN, OR FROM SOME OTHER KIND OF A CRIMINAL,
GRO
Excuse me
WOMEN OF TODAY HAVE TO 'FISH' FOR THE LOVE OF THEIR MEN!
@-tchu!
WHAT!
WAIT A MOMENT, URI-TAN!
Huh!?
AH, THAT'S RIGHT, ABOUT CUPIDS OF LOVE-
EH?
SO, WHAT WERE WE TALKING ABOUT AGAIN?
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S KIND OF AN OLD-FASHIONED EXPRESSION?
'CUPIDS OF LOVE'...

IT'S A BIG PROB-LEM~
BUT IS THERE A PROBLEM IF IT'S AN OLD-FASHIONED TERM?
I THINK IT'S STILL A FAIRLY COMMONLY-USED TERM.

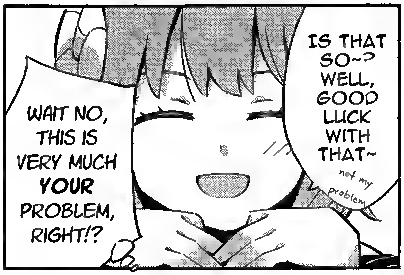

I THINK HE ALREADY THINKS OF HER AS A PSYCHO, THOUGH...
SSP
HAAH.
IT'D BE TROUBLING IF TAKERU-SAMA THOUGHT OF ME AS AN OLD HAG~

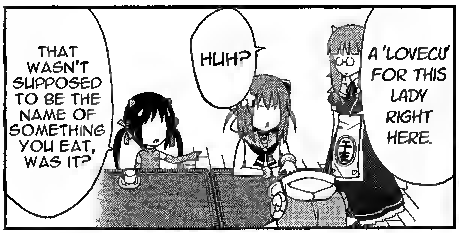
JUST WHAT DO YOU WANT THEN...
TOO STIFF!
WELL THEN, MAYBE WE COULD USE THE TERM 'MARRIAGE BROKERS' INSTEAD?

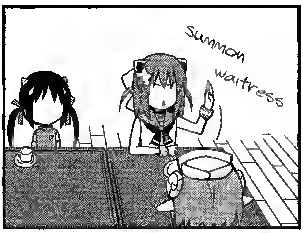
I JUST WANTED YOU GUYS TO THINK OF A 'NOW' EXPRESSION FOR ME..!
AH, NOW THAT'S OLD-FASHIONED
KO
KO!
NOOOOOOW
Cough
...LOVE-
CU...
mwh
LOVE-CU!?
SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING THAT WOULD STAY IN TREND EVEN AFTER 5 YEARS..!
THAT'S JUST THE WHOLE THING SHORTENED, ISN'T IT THOUGH?

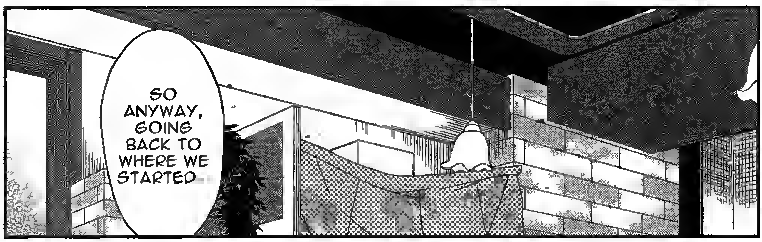
Hmph
NYAA WILL STAND OVER THE GRAVES OF ALL OF THE ZODIAC; SUCH THINGS ARE TRIVIAL MATTERS FOR ME.
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ZODIAC DESS DESS!!
Also don't kill us

NAPPING
EHH...
AS EXPECTED OF NYA-TAN, WHAT A GREAT TASTE~!


IS THAT SO~? WELL, GOOD LUCK WITH THAT~
not my problem
WAIT NO, THIS IS VERY MUCH YOUR PROBLEM, RIGHT!?

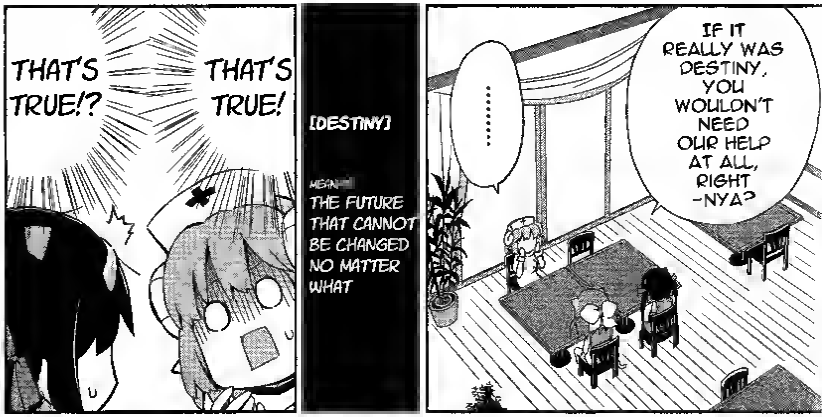

THAT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE THE NAME OF SOMETHING YOU EAT, WAS IT?
HUH?
A 'LOVECU' FOR THIS LADY RIGHT HERE.


Summon waitress


SO ANYWAY, GOING BACK TO WHERE WE STARTED

I WAS HOPING YOU TWO WOULD ACT AS 'LOVECU'S BETWEEN TAKERU-SAMA AND ME~...
I'M SORRY, I HAVE ABSO-LUTELY NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT DESS DESS.
PHEW... IF IT'S ABOUT 'LOVECU', I GUESS I SHOULD HELP OUT -NYA.
AAAH... JUMPING ONTO THE 'LOVECU' BAND-WAGON I SEE
BY THE WAY, I DIDN'T GET TO ASK YOU THIS BE-FORE!
JUST WHAT ABOUT TAKERU-SAN MADE YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM?
AH, NYAA WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT AS WELL.
IT WAS 'LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT', HOWEVER YOU SEE IT, SO..
HIS LOOKS, AFTER ALL?
YES...
of course
HE IS QUITE HAND-SOME, BUT..
THAT'S SOME HAZY MEMO-RIES YOU'VE GOT THERE!!

HUH?
HOW VAGUE, YET SOME-HOW REFRESH-ING.
BUT I REALLY THINK IT MUST BE DESTINY~
KYOO


THAT'S TRUE!?
THAT'S TRUE!
[DESTINY]
MEAN
THE FUTURE THAT CANNOT BE CHANGED NO MATTER WHAT
.....
IF IT REALLY WAS DESTINY, YOU WOULDN'T NEED OUR HELP AT ALL, RIGHT -NYA?

I'LL LOVE THAT
I MEANT, A LITTLE BIT OF 'DESTINY'...
I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED IF IT'S ONLY A 'LITTLE BIT' -NYA
DO CONTI-NUE WITH YOUR STORY.

EVEN IF YOU SAY SO...
The one who derailed this conversation first was you though
This one.
By the way, this conversation hasn't gotten anywhere at all, has it?
ANYWAY, I WAS HOPING THAT YOU WOULD LEND ME YOUR POWERS OR WISDOM OR CONNECTIONS AND HELP ME TURN TAKERU-SAMA'S HEART AROUND.
Please

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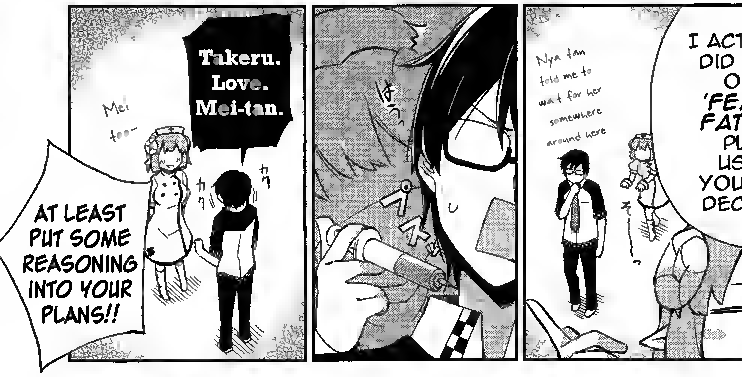
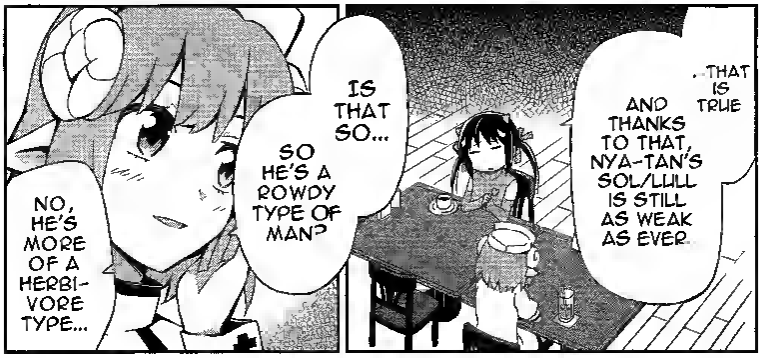

Takeru. Love. Mei-tan.
Mei-tan~
AT LEAST PUT SOME REASONING INTO YOUR PLANS!!
Nya-tan told me to wait for her somewhere around here
I ACTUALLY DID THINK OF A 'FEMME FATALE' PLAN USING YOU TWO DECOYS.

'KOI'...!
(THE FISH)
THAT WAS 'KOI'!
(ON PURPOSE)
OOPS, AN ACCIDENTAL MEDICAL MISHAP. HOW SCARY~
NO, THAT WAS JUST 'KOI'
(LOVE)
!!?

I MEAN HE'S THE GUY WHO ENDURED THROUGH MY 'MOE' ATTACKS WITHOUT EVEN BATTING AN EYELID.
THE MEMORIES OF (NOT-)OKINAWA RETURN
NAPPING
NO, NO, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, 'FEMME FATALE'?
THAT KIND OF STUFF WON'T WORK ON TAKERU.

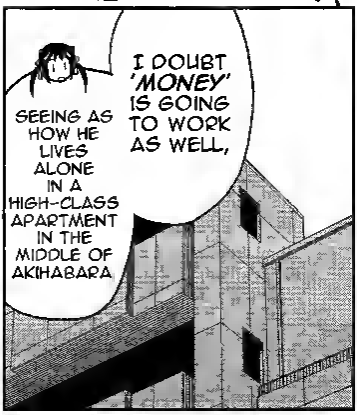

NO, HE'S MORE OF A HERBI-VORE TYPE...
IS THAT SO...
SO HE'S A ROWDY TYPE OF MAN?
...THAT IS TRUE
AND THANKS TO THAT, NYA-TAN'S SOL/LILL IS STILL AS WEAK AS EVER.

WHAT ARE YOU EVEN TALKING ABOUT...
AND HE'S LIVING OFF HIS PEN-SIONS OR SOME-THING.
MAYBE TAKERU IS ACTUALLY AN OLD MAN WHO JUST LOOKS REALLY YOUNG,
I'M THINKING,
Your cheese-cake

WHY, YOU ASK?
BECAUSE NYAA HAS NEVER SEEN THAT GUY GO TO SCHOOL OR WORK AT ALL!!
nor did the readers!
Ah...
UH, ACTUALLY.. TAKERU-SAN REALLY IS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, YOU KNOW?
HE DILIGENTLY GOES TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY, YOU KNOW?
WHAAAAAAAAAT!?
I'm going off now
Have a nice day
I'm home
Welcome back
HE LEAVES WITHOUT NYAA NOTICING HIM!?
drop
IS AMATO TAKERU A NINJA OR SOMETHING!?
why that little

nor did you care about Takeru-san even when you were actually awake
NYA-TAN JUST DIDN'T REALIZE ALL OF IT, BECAUSE YOU WERE ALWAYS SLEEPING...
EH?
HE SURE IS ONE EASY-GOING GUY, EVEN WHEN HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE MY SOL/LULL SUPPLIER...
A DAY IN THE LIFE OF NYA-TAN
AM
I'm going off now
Have a good day
NN
PM
Here about to and so wake her up
Okay
SHE SURE SLEEPS A LOT~
HOW ABOUT WE LOOK INTO THE THREE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF SEDUCING MEN FOR NOW?
'CAUSE I'M A CAT!!
YEAH, YEAH...

'MONEY'
'WOMEN'
'POWER'
SOMETIMES THERE'RE OTHER THINGS INCLUDED, BUT ANYWAY.

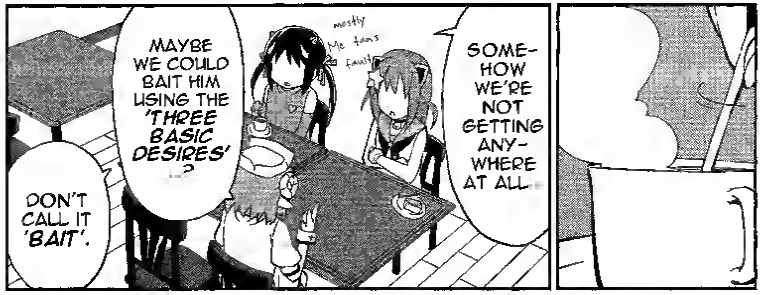

I DOUBT 'MONEY' IS GOING TO WORK AS WELL,
SEEING AS HOW HE LIVES ALONE IN A HIGH-CLASS APARTMENT IN THE MIDDLE OF AKIHABARA

THEN FIRST, WE SHOULD RULE OUT 'WOMEN'
FUNNY HOW THAT'S THE FIRST TO BE ELIMINATED WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ROMANCE HERE.

WHEN YOU BECOME THE 'KING OF SHEEP'...

MEI WILL GRANT HIM THE TITLE OF 'KING OF SHEEP' IF HE DECIDES TO STAY TOGETHER WITH MEI!
EEEH, WHAT EVEN IS THAT...?
'POWER'...
even if you say that...

NAPPING
WEAK...
YOU'LL GET A LIFETIME SUPPLY OF 100%-WOOL SWEATERS~!!
THERE'S A CHANCE THAT TAKERU-SAMA HAS A SWEATER FETISH...
STOP MAKING UP WEIRD CHARACTERS!
shaa~
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT

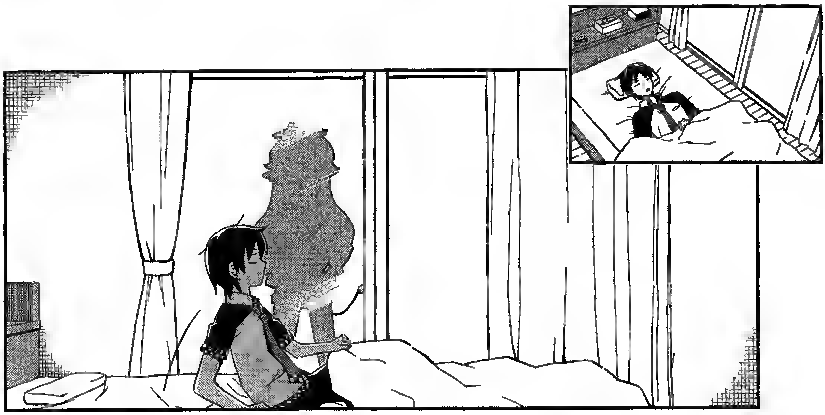

SOMEHOW WE'RE NOT GETTING ANYWHERE AT ALL
mostly Mr. Tan's fault
MAYBE WE COULD BAIT HIM USING THE 'THREE BASIC DESIRES'
DON'T CALL IT 'BAIT'.

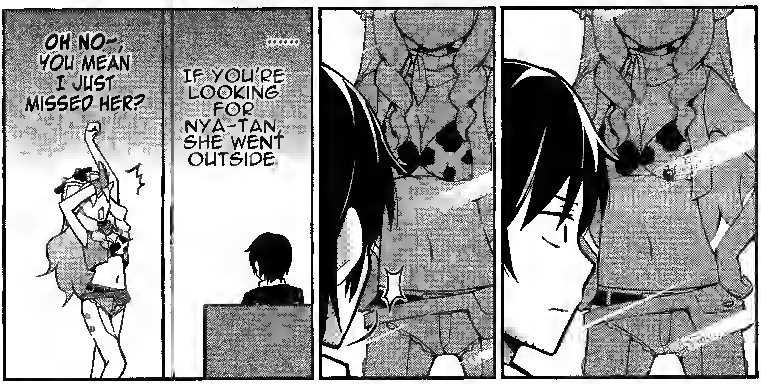
TN NOTE: IN JAPAN, THE THREE BASIC DESIRES (三大欲求) ARE GLUTTONY, SLOTH, AND LUST

MEAT
I GUESS THE ONLY WAY LEFT IS TO USE THIS MEAT...
MEAT
SURELY YOU MEAN MUTTON, RIGHT!?
THE LAST RESORT:
GLUTTONY
I'LL PROVIDE ONE YEAR— NO, TEN YEARS' WORTH OF MUTTON AS AN OFFERING, SO PLEASE.
FOR A GOD TO BE OFFERING STUFF TO A HUMAN...
AND ANYWAY, TAKERU IS NOT THE TYPE TO BE TEMPTED BY SUCH THINGS, YOU KNOW -NYA?
BUT NYAA IS DIFFER- MARRY ENT! ME PLEASE!!
I'M SORRY.
EXCUSE ME, MUTTON PLEASE.
WE DON'T HAVE THAT.
NEVER TRIED IT BE- FORE!!
IS THAT SO...
NYA-TAN, DO YOU REALLY LIKE MUTTON THAT MUCH?

WHY DON'T YOU START WITH BEING JUST FRIENDS?
INSTEAD OF TRYING TO BE LOVERS RIGHT FROM THE START
MUT-TON...
WAS THERE REALLY NO HOPE RIGHT FROM THE START...
SO IN THE END, WHAT SHOULD MEI DO...
PLEASE DON'T MAKE THAT 'IS-THIS-GUY'S-HEAD-OKAY' FACE
Hmm...?
FRIIIIIIII-EEENDS?
PLEASE DON'T MAKE THAT 'THAT'S-THE-FIRST-TIME-I'VE-THOUGHT-OF-THAT' FACE
...FRIENDS?
HMMM, AND THE TOPIC WAS TOO SERIOUS TO BE JUST LAUGHED OFF AS A JOKE
BUT THE FACT THAT I CONFESSED TO HIM ALREADY WON'T CHANGE...
.....
I'LL START BY BECOMING FRIENDS WITH HIM FIRST...
FINE, I GOT IT...

DO YOU HAVE ANY DRUGS THAT CAUSE AMNESIA?
YOU COULD JUST GO AND POKE HIM WITH THAT NEEDLE OF YOURS
BAM
Drugs!?
HUH!?
I DO~!
PANPAKA~
YOU DO!?
I WISH YOU LUCK -LAMB.
THANK YOU, I'LL TRY MY BEST -LAMB
TAKERU-SAN, RUN AWAAAY~




OH NO~, YOU MEAN I JUST MISSED HER?
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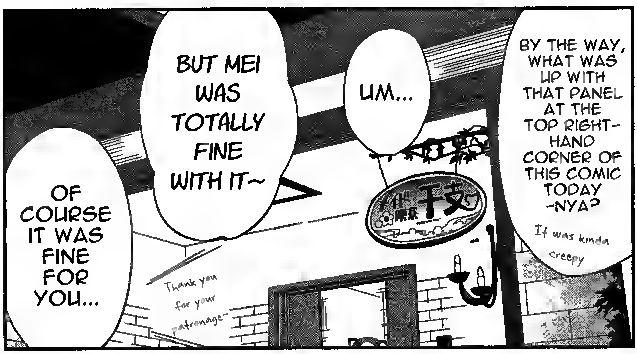
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR NYA-TAN, SHE WENT OUTSIDE


BY THE WAY, WHAT WAS UP WITH THAT PANEL AT THE TOP RIGHT-HAND CORNER OF THIS COMIC TODAY -NYA?
If was kinda creepy
UM...
BUT MEI WAS TOTALLY FINE WITH IT~
OF COURSE IT WAS FINE FOR YOU...
Thank you for your patronage~

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